IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Fumiharu NAKAYAMA

Title: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

Appl. No.: 10/805,307

Appl. Filing Date: 3/22/2004

Examiner: Lennin R. Rodriguez

Art Unit: 2625
Confirmation No.: 9166

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
 - a. Previously submitted:

[]	Please enter and	consider the	amendment and/or	reply pre	eviously filed on _
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 Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on __ but not considered.

[]	Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on
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b. En	closed are:
[X]	Amendment and Reply Accompanying RCE.
[]	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
1.1	Information Disclosure Statement.

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Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37
 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of __months.

Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of listed reference(s).

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as		Previously	/ Ext	ra Claims		Rate		
	Amended		Paid For	Pre	sent				Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):							\$810.00	=	\$810.00
Total Claims:	19	-	20	=	0	х	\$52.00	=	\$0.00
Independents	3	-	3	=	0	х	\$220.00	=	\$0.00
First p	resentation of	f any	Multiple	Depende	nt Claims:	+	\$390.00	=	\$0.00
					CLAIMS	FEE	TOTAL:	=	\$810.00

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$130.00	0	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$490.00		\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,110.00		\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,730.00		\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,350.00		\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE SU	BTOTAL:		\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE ALREA	DY PAID:	-	\$0.00
	EXTENSION FE	E TOTAL		\$0.00
	•	\$810.00		
[]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract 1/2	of above):		\$0.00
[]	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R.	§ 1.103(c)		\$0.00
	TC	TAL FEE:		\$810.00

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$810.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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